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Archives to Release Biden-Burisma Emails Unless White House Asserts Privilege

The National Archives warned the Biden administration and Obama Foundation on November 30 that it plans to release hundreds of emails on February 28 that might shed light on the Biden-Burisma influence-peddling scandal.

Biden can stop the release at least temporarily by asserting executive privilege.

The emails might show how tightly linked then-Vice President Biden was to son Hunter's business activities in Ukraine.

Emails found on Hunter Biden's laptop and published in the *New York Post* just before the 2020 presidential election show that Biden lied when he said he knew nothing about Hunter's remarkably lucrative deals.

Thus, the question isn't whether the vice president, now president, was familiar with Hunter's endeavors. He was. The questions are what, if anything, he gained financially, and how Hunter parlayed his father's power into a princely fortune.

The emails might reveal the true extent of the Biden Mafia's self-dealing and influence-peddling.



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The National Archives wants to release hundreds of pages of emails about Hunter Biden and Burisma — and the White House won't say whether it will let it happen

<https://t.co/cX7VQNHAWV>

— Insider Politics (@insiderpolitics) [December 14, 2022](#)

The Letter

Thus the letter from National Archives official Susan Donius to White House Counsel Stuart Delery was surely unwelcome.

"This letter constitutes a formal notice from the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) to the incumbent President of our intent to open Biden Vice Presidential records in response to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests listed" in two attachments, [Donius wrote](#):

This material, consisting of 69 images and 282 email messages, has been reviewed for the six PRA Presidential restrictive categories, including confidential communications requesting or submitting advice (P5) and material related to appointments to federal office (P2). These records were also reviewed for all applicable FOIA exemptions. As a result of this review, 22 email messages in whole and 75 email messages in part have been restricted. Therefore, NARA is proposing to open the remaining 69 images and 185 email



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Then comes Biden's deadline to object. Unless either Biden or former President Barack Obama asks for a 30-day extension, or unless Biden "asserts a constitutionally based privilege," the records agency will release the almost 300 emails.

"The researcher submitted a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for records related to Hunter Biden, James Biden, and their foreign business dealings," the [appendix to](#) the letter says:

The Biden Vice Presidential records to be opened are email messages from May 2014 to December 2014 that include the company name "Burisma." Several of the email messages are press inquiries regarding the announcement of Hunter Biden joining the board of directors of Ukrainian energy company Burisma Holdings Limited in May 2014 and the Office of Vice President's responses to those inquiries. There are also email messages containing news articles compiled by White House staff which include articles referencing Hunter Biden and his role with Burisma.

The Archives are acting on a Freedom of Information request from America First Legal, the litigation outfit founded by Stephen Miller, a top adviser to former President Trump.

Biden-Burisma

Insider, [which broke](#) the story, noted that the emails might well contain information about Burisma Holdings' hiring Hunter Biden for \$83,333 monthly. Burisma hired the younger Biden despite his lack of experience in energy, and, of course, despite his record as an [out-of-control drug addict](#).

As the [former president of Poland said](#), Burisma hired Biden for his last name. Former President Barack Hussein Obama [had just put](#) Hunter's old man in charge of Ukraine policy, and part of that job involved Biden Senior's trip to Ukraine and interference in its internal affairs, which just happened to help Burisma.

As Biden himself confessed, [he forced](#) Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko to fire the sovereign nation's top prosecutor, Viktor Shokin, who had been investigating Burisma, or face losing \$1 billion in loan guarantees:

I said, "You're not getting the billion. I'm going to be leaving here in," I think it was about six hours. I looked at them and said: "I'm leaving in six hours. If the prosecutor is not fired, you're not getting the money."

Well, son of a b***h, he got fired.

[Shokin told](#) investigative reporter John Solomon in 2019 that he "was making plans to question Hunter Biden about \$3 million in fees that Biden and his partner, [Devon] Archer, collected from Burisma through their American firm."

In an affidavit, Shokin explained why he was fired. "Biden was unhappy about the Burisma investigation," [as Solomon put it](#). "The truth is," Shokin said, "that I was forced out because I was leading a wide-ranging corruption probe into Burisma Holdings, a natural gas firm active in Ukraine and Joe Biden's son, Hunter Biden, was a member of the Board of Directors."



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Insider included the oft-repeated claim that Shokin wasn't fired because of Biden. "The investigation was shelved months before Shokin's dismissal," [Insider reported](#), "and Shokin remained at his post until March 2016, long after Biden had left."

Not so. "The Ukraine Prosecutor General's office still had two open inquiries in March 2016, according to the official case file," Solomon reported:

One of those cases involved taxes; the other, allegations of corruption. Burisma announced the cases against it were not closed and settled until January 2017.

The Laptop

That aside, the forthcoming emails could detail more of Joe Biden's link to or knowledge of Hunter's activities in Ukraine.

To this day, [Biden claims](#) he never discussed Hunter's business deals with him, a baldfaced lie disproven by the [first email](#) from the laptop the out-of-control lawyer left at a repair shop.

Emails [also showed](#) that Biden Senior was the "big guy" who would collect 10 percent of a deal Hunter made with Chinese Reds.

"Eric Schwerin visited the White House at least 27 times during the Obama-Biden administration" <https://t.co/9d7ajs05NJ> [#FoxNews](#)

— Steve Guest (@SteveGuest) [April 26, 2022](#)

Other [emails show](#) that then-Vice President Biden met repeatedly with Hunter's business pals. In July, [Fox News put](#) a number on those meetings: 14.

Another of [Hunter's biz pals visited](#) the White House 27 times and met with Biden Senior.

Biden's lies were exposed some time ago. The question the emails might answer is just how big those lies were.



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